2. *Soft Drink Concentrate*
Village Channo
Block Bhavanigarh
District Sangrur,
Punjab.

3. *Snack Foods*
Village Channo
Block Bhavanigarh
District Sangrur,
Punjab.

The company has started manufacturing and selling certain fruit and vegetable products. However, as reported, the company has not yet started making profits.

World Bank assistance for agro-industries

3056. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has agreed to offer financial assistance for certain agro-industries projects in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b): The World Bank had informed that they would be open to consider potential avenues for future World Bank support of the agro-industries sector.

Functioning of the proposed National Marine Fisheries Development Board

3057. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1036 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the contemplated location of the headquarter of the proposed National Marine Fisheries Development Board;

(b) the proposed field organisation and the infrastructure to be created for the working of the new board;

(c) what is the financial provision envisaged for this board in the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) whether any proposals have been received from Gujarat Government for fisheries development in the State during the Eighth Five Year Plan period, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c): The National Marine Fisheries Development Board is proposed to be set up as a registered society with its registered office at New Delhi. The details regarding the organisation and infrastructure of the Board have not been decided. An amount of Rs. 2 crores has been earmarked for providing financial assistance to this Board during the Eighth plan period.

(d) While this Ministry has not received any proposal directly from the State Government of Gujarat for financial assistance for the development of fisheries in that State, a proposal has been received from Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd. for financial assistance for setting up of a fish processing plant, with an estimated total project cost of Rs. 520 lakhs.

Food processing Capacity in the country

3058. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the installed capacity of fruit and vegetable processing units in the country at the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) what are the details of Government's plans relating to increase in the processing capacity during the year

1992-93 and during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the funds earmarked for the purpose, State-wise during 1992-93 as compared to 1991-92 particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The installed capacity of Fruit & Vegetable Processing Units at the end of the 7th Five Year Plan (as on 31st March, 1990) was of the order of 7.54 lakh tonnes. This Ministry has formulated a number of Plan Schemes being implemented during the Eighth Plan Period and it is estimated that installed capacity of Fruit & Vegetable Processing Units in the country during the Eighth Plan is likely to increase to 20 lakh tonnes. The details of the Plan Schemes of Fruit and Vegetable Processing Sector and the funds earmarked for the year 1992-93 are given below:

S. No.	Name of the Plan Scheme.	(Rs. in crore) Funds earmarked for 1992-93.
1	2	3
1.	Scheme for setting up food processing and training centres in the rural areas.	1.50
2.	Scheme for assistance for State Governments undertakings and State Cooperatives/Joint Sector for establis'ument of F&VP units.	3.00
3.	Scheme for strenthening backward linkages between processors and growers.	0.75
4.	Scheme for assistance for Development of infrastructure for mushroom cultivation and processing.	1.00
5.	Scheme for development and processing of Hops.	0.40
6.	Scheme for generic advertising on processed foods and for providing marketing assistance.	1.50
7.	R&D in F&VP.	0.10
	Total-	8.25

Since this Ministry does not set up Fruit & Vegetable Processing Units directly, no state-wise funds have been earmarked.

Modernisation of rice mills

@3059. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the achievements made with regard to modernisation of rice mills and better by-product utilisation under the scheme for modernisation of Rice mills; and

(b) how many Rice mills in Andhra Pradesh have been modernished under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) Due to sustained efforts made by the Government, the number of modern/modernished rice mills has gone up from practically nil in 1970 to 32969 in 1992, Consequently, the quantity of rice bran (a by-product of rice milling) processed for oil extraction, has gone up from 1.87 lakh tonnes in 1970-71 to 28.09 lakh tonnes in 1991-92.

(b) In Andhra Pradesh, the number of modern/modernised rice mills has gone up from practically nil in 1970 to 12,995 in 1992.

Financial assistance to sick deep sea fishing units.

3060. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2043 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1992 and state:

(a) what amount of assistance is

[4]Previously Unstarred Question 1835, transferred from 4th December, 1992.